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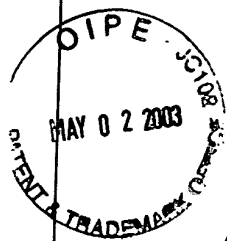
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/653,390
Filing Date	September 1, 2000
First Named Inventor	Salvatore Coffa
Group Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Douglas Wille
Attorney Docket Number	99CT22053527



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37.CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees\* (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14) when the RCE is filed; Fee calculated as shown below.)

a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed to cover the following fees.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.137 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any discrepancies in fee amounts to Deposit Acct. No. 01-0484.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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